

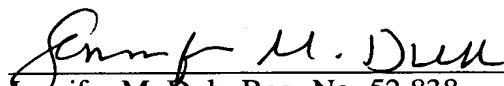
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 and 5 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to more distinctly define one or more embodiment of the invention. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-3, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 1 has been amended such that the phrase "to avoid fixation, growth and propagation of microorganisms" has been removed and replaced with "to inhibit biological attack and spreading out of organisms", which is fully supported by the specification. See, e.g., p. 14, lines 3-8. Claims 2-3 and 5 depend from claim 1, and therefore also incorporate all of the elements of amended claim 1. In view of the foregoing amendment, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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